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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1,080,000 head as of June 1, 2011. This latest inventory is down 2 percent from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 150,000 head of fed cattle during May 2011. This was equal to the marketings last month but 11 percent above May 2010 marketings of 135,000 head. An estimated 140,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during May, 15 percent below a month ago and 24 percent below May 2010 placements of 185,000. Of the number placed in May, 21 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 18 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 25 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 36 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for May, at 10,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last month but down 10,000 head from the same time last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on June 1, 2011. The inventory was 4 percent above June 1, 2010. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 1.81 million, 11 percent below 2010. Net placements were 1.73 million head. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 415,000, 600-699 pounds were 355,000, 700-799 pounds were 480,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 560,000. Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.00 million, 7 percent above 2010. Other disappearance totaled 80,000 during May, 18 percent below 2010.